

Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Statement on the Budget Conference Committee's Plan for Education

SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, a University of California Regent and California State University Trustee, issued the following statement on the budget conference committee plan's to restore \$57 million in financial assistance for college students and provide \$1.5 billion more for education than the Governor recommended..

"A cuts only budget devastates the most important infrastructure in California, the intellectual infrastructure. The economy cannot succeed unless we have the best education system in the world. We are far from it," Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi said. "California's universities and colleges are overcrowded, people legitimately entitled to attend are being turned away, courses are being cut making it impossible to graduate in four years and the facilities are deteriorating and inadequate. Shake it all up and the UC and CSU institutions are becoming second class. Collectively we need reform, cuts and taxes to get out of this hole."

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